

C
H181J
1917

ILLINOIS LIBRARY

JUL 13 1922

VOL. VII.

NOVEMBER, 1917

No. 4

BULLETIN
OF
Hamline University

In Memoriam

Hon. Matthew George Norton

Dr. George Wilber Hartwell

ST. PAUL

PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOUR TIMES A YEAR
JANUARY, MARCH, MAY AND NOVEMBER

HON. MATTHEW G. NORTON, 1831-1917

Matthew George Norton was a model man, citizen, philanthropist and Christian. Physically, mentally, morally and spiritually he was above the average stature of men. His commanding presence and commanding character won for him the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. His success in business was the natural result of his intelligence, industry, energy and integrity.

Born in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1831, he was educated in the public schools of his native town and in an academy which later developed into a University. He had a good start in life in a home where the fundamental virtues were taught and exemplified.

He came to Minnesota in 1856, settled in Winona and with his brother James and cousin William H. Laird formed a corporation of which he was president. They built saw mills, bought pine lands and manufactured lumber and the business grew to be one of the largest of its kind in the country. With the prosperity of the West it prospered and made them all rich.

In 1866 he was married to Miss Emma B. Hayes who was in every way his fit companion and their home was an ideal one where Christian hospitality was seen at its best as will be testified by all who were privileged to enjoy it.

Mr. Norton had a taste for good literature not common in men of such large business interests. He had one of the largest and best private libraries in Minnesota and found time somehow to familiarize himself with its contents. The classics of all ages, the masters of thought and expression, the great teachers who have made the world wise were the friends with whom he took counsel and became himself wise.

With all his other good traits the supreme element of Mr. Norton's character was his religion. Lord Morley says of William E. Gladstone: "Mr. Gladstone was a great scholar, a great writer, a great orator, a great statesman, but the greatest thing in him was his religion—he was a great Christian." Mr. Norton united with the Methodist

Episcopal Church in early life, and was a faithful and generous supporter of it all his life. He gave to the cause of religious education, especially to Hamline University, more than any other man in Minnesota; and to schools, churches and good causes of all kinds his benefactions were large and numerous.

The Winona Hospital, the city parks and the Young Men's Christian Association are largely indebted to him for their existence and prosperity.

One of Mr. Norton's characteristics, worthy of especial emphasis, was his charitable judgments of other people. In the fifty-one years of my intimate acquaintance with him, conversing as we did freely about all sorts of persons and things, I never heard from him an unkind word about any human being.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." When I think of him, the prayer breathes itself:

"Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see,
The mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

In the partiality of friendship and the glamor with which love invests the memories of those we love, we are sometimes tempted to exaggerate their virtues and minimize their defects. But no such criticism detracts from this imperfect tribute to Matthew George Norton. My only fear is that justice has not been done to one in whom justice was always tempered with mercy.

"His life was noble,
And the elements so mixed in him,
That nature might stand up,
And say to all the world—
This was a Man."

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

WINONA

* * * * *

Hamline's greatest benefactor is gone, yet the name of Norton has been so vitally inlaid in the annals of our history, that it must endure as long as the life and memory of the institution. Other names have meant much to us,

Harrison, Goheen, Hill; but this man not only poured out more largely of his wealth thru a generation but also was able to give more largely of his service as a Trustee for 30 years—much of the time as President of the Board—while out of his family came two of the noblest boys ever contributed to the student body of any college.

As Pastor of the family for 8 years at Winona and as schoolmate and friend of the younger Nortons in the early Hamline days perhaps I can speak almost as closely as any other man concerning the deceased. His life was gentle in that exquisite form which becometh the strong and his modesty was such as became the truly great. This was no ordinary man but one of the great Christian business men of the nation. He had an indomitable will and proved as terrible a foe to those he considered wrong as he was a staunch friend to those whom he believed to be right.

Mr. Norton was a lover of good literature and had a magnificent library. Here among his family and among his books he was at his best and one needed to be well acquainted with the great biographies in which he delighted in order to maintain intelligently a part in the discussion.

He estimated lives and his judgments gave something of the biographic clue to his own life. Like Gladstone, his life was full of purpose and instead of wasting his time from youth, he improved it; instead of thinking he must "see life" at its worst he tried to see it at its best. He loved beauty, goodness and integrity and deliberately chose to frame his own life after the highest pattern given to man. Thus he chose to relate himself closely with the church and to be an active participant in its privileges and its responsibilities thinking he could best grow and best serve thru its organized channels.

Thru the church he became interested in the church college and Hamline secured one of the most ardent friends and one of the most generous supporters that could come to any college or institution.

The greatest gift from Mr. Norton to Hamline should be found in his own life. In our hall of fame his name and his picture will be preserved but if our college youth of succeeding generations could study and absorb the secret

of his success and the spirit which animated him, we should possess a heritage which would prove of royal and eternal worth.

S. F. KERFOOT.

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY

* * * *

Matthew George Norton was the greatest layman that Minnesota Methodism has produced. I do not refer to his great wealth, and business ability, but to the man. There was more oughtness in his nature mingled with kindness than in anyone I have ever known. He was intellectually the superior of any of his business associates. He was morally clean and upright in his business transactions. He was a devout Christian, an intelligent and thoughtful Bible student. Indeed his mind was saturated with the English Bible, its characters and principles were ever in his mind. He was spiritual without cant. He despised sham and pretense. But it was as a father in his home where he measured the loftiest. He had two sons and two daughters. The boys grew to young manhood. The oldest had just graduated from college and had been admitted to the business firm when he was suddenly taken ill and soon died. The younger brother broken hearted over the death of his brother, began to fail and in a few months he also passed away. Those who knew him said he died of a broken heart, grieving for his brother. The home life had always been so beautiful and tender that the delicate nature could not bear the snapping of the bonds that had bound them together. About this time one of the daughters became seriously ill from which she has never fully recovered. It was his sublime consecration and devotion to this daughter that showed the greatness and tenderness of his fatherly heart. He told me fifteen years afterwards that he had been absent from her two nights only in all these years. There was a solicitude, a watchfulness, a tender sympathy, a heartache for her that exceeded anything I have ever known before. He hoped to live as long as she, that he might care for her to the last, but she has survived him. Since knowing his experience, there is a passage of Scripture that has a new meaning to me, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." And I have said if our Heavenly Father is more thoughtful and

tender of us than was Matthew Norton of his children, then we have a gracious Heavenly Father indeed. I think I know God better, since I have known Matthew G. Norton.

FRANK DORAN.

ST. PAUL

* * * * *

Mr. M. G. Norton was a remarkable man in so many ways that it is not easy to decide what to emphasize in a brief characterization. Modesty, self effacement, unselfishness, sincerity, courtesy, kindness and thoughtfulness for others were some of his striking characteristics.

Nature formed him after a large pattern, she gave him a large body, a large head and a large heart. And so it was perfectly natural that his plans for business and for service to his fellow men should be made on a large scale. He had unusual views in the matter of Christian stewardship. He regarded his great wealth as not his absolutely but his in trust, his to use in the service of others. And so when a great panic occurred some years ago and business was at a standstill and men were thrown out of employment not one of his employees was dismissed but they and their families were generously provided for.

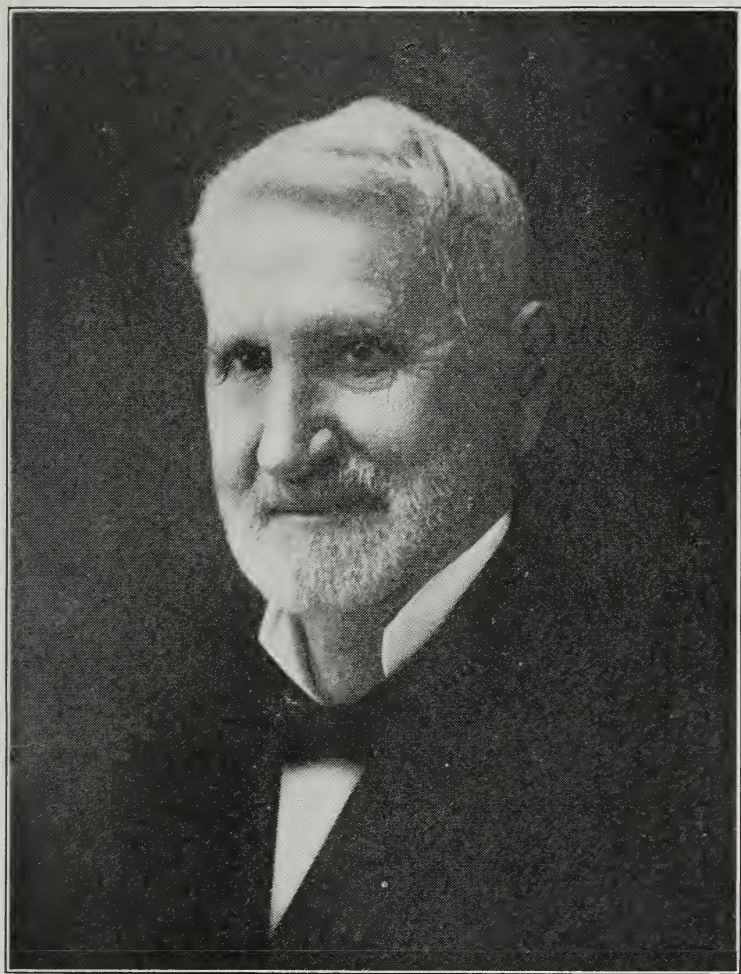
His generous gifts to Christian education were made because he had an intelligent conviction as to the mission of a Christian College. And yet his many gifts were not his largest contribution to the college he so dearly loved. For more than thirty years he was the wise counsellor of the other officers of Hamline University and the service he thus rendered cannot be over-estimated. Hamline University does well to honor his memory.

He had a remarkable capacity for friendship. His sympathetic nature, the fact that he was a good listener, and his many admirable qualities of head and heart won him hosts of friends, and he knew how to keep his friends.

He was a great reader. It is quite unusual to find a man so burdened with the cares of a great business, so fond of books. He had a large, well selected library and he was familiar with its contents,—Ruskin, Carlyle, and Emerson were among his favorite authors and his familiarity with these and many other good authors was a constant surprise and a constant source of pleasure to his friends.

G. H. BRIDGMAN.

MINNNEAPOLIS



MATTHEW GEORGE NORTON

GEORGE WILBER HARTWELL

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

September 14, 1881—July 27, 1917.

George Wilber Hartwell was born at Hamburg, New Jersey, on September 14, 1881. His ancestry shows rather more than the usual American interest of admixture of nationality: the Hartwells coming of pure English stock, and the Zabriskies (Sobieski) of a noble family of Poland. Both branches, however, have been American nearly three hundred years, dating from within a twelve-month of each other, 1636-7. Before he was five his father died, leaving his mother with himself and a younger sister to care for. The little boy thus early formed the habits of industry and thoughtful consideration that marked his life.

Aside from his mother's encouragement and his native demands, circumstances were not especially favorable to his educational start. For instance he walked four miles night and morning between his home and the Hackensack high school. In spite of this he graduated in his eighteenth year valedictorian of his class. In Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., his academic career was brilliant and impressive. He won every mathematical prize open to him in competition, took Preliminary Honors in Mathematics, General Honors, and Phi Beta Kappa at graduation in 1903. He earned his expenses by night work in connection with calorimeter experiments, an experience to which he sometimes attributed his strikingly beautiful, though untimely, gray hair. He became at Wesleyan a charter member of the Commons Club, a democratic body formed as a balance to the elaborate fraternity system and program then in vogue; and he always remained a true democrat.

After graduation he taught for two years in the Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, and then went to Columbia University on a fellowship, where in 1908 he gained his doctorate by presenting a masterly thesis entitled *Plane Fields of Force Whose Trajectories Are Invariant Under a Projective Group*. The next year he occupied a year's vacancy in the department of Mathematics of the University of Kansas, where he was made an honorary member of Sigma Psi. In the fall of 1909 he came to



GEORGE WILBER HARTWELL

Hamline University as Professor of Mathematics, and later in the year became Registrar. In June, 1911, he was married to Martha Winston, H. U., '04, who with their little daughter, Lucella Ruth, age two, and an unborn child, survive him in the beautiful home which they together planned and labored for and had occupied a scant half-year.

On July 10, 1917, accompanied by his family, he went to visit friends in Montana. Shortly after his arrival he was stricken by an acute attack of appendicitis, and on the 27th of July, following an operation in the hospital of Columbus, Mont., he ended a life of unusual health and vitality.

Though Dr. Hartwell was a member of many societies and a scholar of rank in his field, his chief monument is the record of his class-room, where his patience and skill were unbounded, in the office, where no pains for a purpose were too great and his efficiency well-nigh perfect, in his home which was one of singular felicity, and in the hearts of many friends whom he had a genius for making and keeping. In his human relations he was at his best. He had joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in his boyhood and he maintained a quiet, unshaken faith in the essentials of religion: all the trappings were to him anathema.

He was one of Wordsworth's Happy Warriors:
" the generous spirit who, when brought
Among the tasks of real life hath wrought
Upon the plan that pleased his boyish thought."

His friends in whose hearts he created his immortality, cherish his keenness of vision and sanity of judgment, his purity of mind, his hatred of shams, his idolatry of the best. He has left a large and lonesome place in Hamline University.

THOMAS PERCIVAL BEYER.

* * * * *

The rare student is the teacher's treasure. George W. Hartwell was one of the few, the very few rare students whom it has been my pleasure to teach. His college career at Wesleyan University and his work for his doctor's degree at Columbia alike showed exceptional mathematical talent. Penetrating in perception, clear in statement, strong in

mathematical imagination, he possessed powers which, I believe, would have made him prominent among the mathematical investigators of the country, had this been his aim. But ambition offered him no temptations. His heart's desire was to teach, and of this I have heard naught but praise. Few men of such power are so unaffectedly modest. I have hardly known which to admire most, the work or the man behind it. Imperturbable, cool, clean and strong of purpose, he saw life's duties with clear eye and left with those who knew him the recollection and the influence of absolute reliability.

EDWARD B. VAN VLECK.

MADISON, WIS.

I first met Dr. George W. Hartwell in 1898. I knew him as a student in High School, I received him into the Church and was his pastor for a number of years. I have followed his brilliant career as a student and his equally effective career as a teacher with eager, friendly pride. His fundamental brain power and capacity for work, his quiet strength and steadiness, his unpretending manliness, must have impressed many others as they have impressed me. His superb mathematical abilities commanded my admiration. His strength of character impressed me most of all.

LYNN HAROLD HOUGH.

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Dr. Hartwell was always on the firing line, always unafraid, always confident, unruffled, cheerful. My duty led to my knowing him as Registrar most intimately. He was brought in contact with every student in college to counsel, to advise, to inform and sometimes to admonish. Always the student left him with the conviction that he had been dealt with by a perfectly just man, or if it had been a question of fact by a man with a phenomenally accurate grasp on all the details of the office.

He was of that little group of great mathematicians which this generation and country have produced; such a group is always small in any country or time, to be counted on one's fingers. Usually such a one is not found to be naturally a great teacher of elementary mathematics. What to the ordinary mind is full of difficulties is to him like

breathing. Dr. Hartwell was a notable exception. With a clarity of statement and of restatement, able to feel his way into the very mind of the students and with a patience almost divine he was indeed an unique teacher.

With clear and keen vision he saw the great issues involved in our war and was an intense patriot and a supporter of the government.

We all loved him, those who knew him best loved him most.

L. H. BATCHELDER.

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY.

* * * * *

George W. Hartwell was a brilliant mathematician, an exceptionally efficient teacher, always ready to do more than his share of work, a despiser of shams and absolutely square in his dealings with all. Common sense was second nature to him. He possessed an almost uncanny accuracy in his ability to size up an individual correctly in a remarkably short time.

Professor Hartwell did not play to the grandstand, he endeared himself to no one by preaching meaningless and superficial generalities. He endeared himself to all because of the life he lived. The individual who called him friend, the various groups, whether college or church, which claimed him as one of their number, his loved ones of the family circle, all have a right to boast because George W. Hartwell was one of them. These groups feel keenly enough the loss they have sustained. The citizenship of the world thinks it doesn't feel it. But society is injured though it may not know it. The world does not need more preachers, missionaries, reformers, professors, etc., half so much as it needs recognition of men of the Hartwell type.

ROY TOWNE.

WASHBURN COLLEGE, TOPEKA, KANSAS.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

CHARLES HORSWELL, *Professor of Biblical Literature*, 1421 W. Minnehaha street.

Professor Horswell has the degrees A. B. and A. M. from Northwestern University, B. D. from Garrett Biblical Institute, Ph. D. from Yale University, and D. D. from Northwestern University. He was Professor of the Hebrew

Language and Literature in Northwestern University 1887-1902; and Pastor of the Kenilworth Union Church 1903-1917. He succeeds Dr. W. H. Wood who resigned during the last summer to go to Dartmouth College.

ROGER ARTHUR JOHNSON, *Professor of Mathematics, and Registrar*, 1697 W. Minnehaha street.

Professor Johnson, who succeeds Dr. G. W. Hartwell, deceased, is a graduate of Amherst College, 1910; and received the Ph. D. degree at Harvard in 1913, since which time he has been Instructor in Mathematics in Western Reserve University.

HAROLD SCOTT QUIGLEY, *Professor of Political Science*, 1443 Capitol avenue.

The departments of Political and Social Science are this year separated, and Professor Quigley heads the former. He is a graduate of Hamline University, 1911. Having won the Rhodes Scholarship in Minnesota he spent the next three years at Oxford University, where in 1913 he was granted a Diploma in Political Science and Economics and in 1914 the B. A. degree in Modern History. Returning he spent two years at the University of Wisconsin on a fellowship, and there received the Ph. D. degree in 1916. Last year he was Instructor in Political Science in Princeton University. He has published besides his thesis several articles in the American Journal of International Law and the Mid-west Quarterly.

LOUISE YOUNG, *Dean of Women*, Goheen Hall, Hamline University.

Miss Young, who succeeds Miss Lucile Rader, resigned, was graduated from Vanderbilt University, B. A., Phi Beta Kappa. She received the degree M. A. from the University of Wisconsin, where she was also Fellow in Philosophy. Last year she was Fellow in Philosophy at Bryn Mawr College.

LESLIE CORNELIUS COX, *Assistant Professor of Latin*, 1701 Capitol avenue.

Dr. Cox is a B. A. of the University of Toronto and a Ph. D. of the Johns Hopkins University. He is in full charge of the department of Latin during the year's leave of absence of Professor W. E. Thompson.

*WILLIAM L. DEALEY, *Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Psychology*, 1489 W. Minnehaha street.

During the year's leave of absence granted to Dr. G. D. Walcott for work in Tsing Hua College, Peking, China, the department of Philosophy is in charge of Dr. Dealey, who is a graduate of Brown University, A. B., A. M., Phi Beta Kappa; and a Ph. D. of Clark University. He has published a number of articles in the Pedagogical Seminary.

*WILLIAM LEWIS ABBOTT, *Assistant Professor in Economics and Social Science*, 1516 W. Minnehaha street.

Mr. Abbott is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, A. B., A. M., LL. B., 1911-1913. He has since been a Reader in Economics and Assistant in Sociology in the same institution.

EDWARD NEWTON VORHEES, *Instructor in English and English Literature*, 1595 Wesley avenue.

Mr. Voorhees was graduated from Hamline University B. A. in 1914. The next year he was a graduate student in the University of Minnesota, and 1915-1917 he studied in Boston University and the B. U. School of Theology. He received the degree A. M. in English in 1917. He has published several literary studies in the Methodist Review, and has recently been elected editor of the H. U. Alumni Quarterly.

WILL. F. WOLF, *Instructor in Chemistry*.

Since graduating from Hamline University in 1909, Ph. B., Mr. Wolf has been engaged in teaching and administrative educational work, his last position having been Superintendent of Schools at Lebam, Washington.

ETHEL ACKERMAN, *Instructor in Mathematics and Assistant to the Dean of Women*, Goheen Hall Annex.

Miss Ackerman was graduated from Hamline University A. B. in 1909. She has since been a teacher of Mathematics and Principal of the High School in Pipestone, Minn.

*Acting head of the department, 1917-1918.

THE GOOD WORD

Hamline opens six months after America's entry into the war with an enrollment of 410 students. This despite the loan to Uncle Sam of last year's members. Both these numbers carry cause for gratification to the friends of our college. As usual, a nearly equal balance is maintained between the sexes, a fortunate condition which the other coeducational colleges of the state rarely enjoy. The faculty and departments are increased, the classes in elementary subjects substantially reduced in size by increasing the number; and from numerous indications it seems likely that the work of this year will be of even more serious and thorough-going character than usual. This is fitting.

As in the past Hamline stands ready to give her best BLOOD to a cause. At the same time it must be her prime duty to supply her quota of trained BRAINS to the immensely difficult problems of reconstruction and peace which may not be far distant.

Meanwhile the Hamline men are making marvelously good in every branch of active war service. Every one of the men who trained in the first camp at Fort Snelling has received a commission and been given a responsible post. Official reports from Allentown show that the Hamline Ambulance Unit ranks individually and collectively second to none; straws indicate they will soon see and test the mud of northern France. Elsewhere, in the army, navy, marine, motor, aero, and wireless, the boys are doing their bits; while here within our good gray walls 410 others do theirs.

EDITOR

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-URBANA



3 0112 105628801